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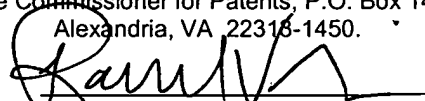
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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, for which the time for responding to which has been extended to February 13, 2004 by the concurrent filing of a petition for extension of time and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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**Attachments** to this amendment include:

✓ priority application GB 9819912.8 (52 pages)

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copies of references cited in Remarks:

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